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I'm working on 2 and 3.

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Hi Enesta,

I'm working on three different stories and wanted to get comments from EPA on each.

1) Animas River spill

**Do we know yet why the spill occurred?**

**What about criticism that EPA did not inform state and local officials in Colorado, New Mexico and the Navajo Nation for nearly 24 hours after the breach happened?**

[http://www.daily-times.com/four\\_corners-news/ci\\_28601678/officials-declare-state-emergency-close-animas-river-san](http://www.daily-times.com/four_corners-news/ci_28601678/officials-declare-state-emergency-close-animas-river-san)

**And most important, what about criticism of a double-standard, that EPA would have reacted much stronger and more swiftly if such an accident had occurred under the watch of a private company?**

2) The National Association of Manufacturers is sponsoring the 30-second spot and paying millions to put it on statewide TV nearly 1,000 times in the next week pushing back against EPA ozone rules:

<http://blogs.denverpost.com/thespot/2015/08/11/tv-ad-in-colorado-takes-aim-at-epa-ozone-rules/122588/>

**Why does EPA think the ozone rules are justified and why are they legal?**

3) Today, the Arkansas Attorney General Leslie Rutledge today announced that Arkansas has joined Florida in a 17-state coalition to challenge the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for illegally invalidating the individual air quality protection plans in those states:

<http://swtimes.com/news/state-news/arkansas-ag-joins-coalition-fight-epa-clean->

air-act-rule

**Why does EPA believe it the rule the states are fighting is justified and why does EPA think it will win in court?**

If I can get responses by 2 p.m. tomorrow EDT that would great for my deadline.

Feel free to call me or email me if you need more time or clarification.

Hope all is well,

Rob

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